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THE HALLOWEEN PARADE: AN EMMAUS TRADITION



JOIN US FOR THE EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE -

OCTOBER 19th

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Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the much-awaited Emmaus Halloween Parade. In case of rain, the parade will be held on Sunday, October 20th, at 6:30 p.m. All participants must be registered, and registration forms are available on the Borough website, www.emmauspa.gov, or the parade website, www.emmausparade.com. The deadline for registration is October 7th, 2024.

We would love to see more businesses and groups join the fun in 2024!

Participation Criteria for businesses and groups:

- Business/Group Floats:** Your business name can be displayed on the vehicle pulling the float. Decorate both the vehicle and float with a Halloween theme.
- Marchers/Participants:** Participants can wear shirts with the business name, but they should also be in Halloween costumes that match the float's theme.
- Float Banners:** The back or side of your float can have a banner with a message like "Happy Halloween from [Your Company]". The business name should not dominate the banner.
- No Branded Giveaways:** You can hand out store-bought candy, but please avoid giving out items like toothbrushes or pens with your company logo.

Please remember, we reserve the right to refuse participation to those who do not meet these criteria. Stick to the guidelines to help make the parade an even bigger and more fun event for everyone!

Rules and Regulations:

To ensure the safety of all participants and spectators, please adhere to the following rules:

- No drilling or exhibitions of any type.
- No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, or motorcycles unless they are part of a float. Three-or four-wheelers are allowed only if pulling a float.
- Licensed vehicles must be fully decorated in a Halloween theme or pulling a float.
- No open fires, fireworks, or alcoholic beverages.
- Do not throw or project anything, including candy, silly string, or coins. Handing out candy is permitted, but it should not be thrown from floats or vehicles.
- No excessive business advertising and **NO** political advertising.
- A concession permit is required for anyone selling items along the parade route, including outside sales by stores at fixed locations.

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Borough of Emmaus

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Ambulance Corps	610-967-5615
Fire Department	610-967-5630
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Mayor	610-965-9255
Police Non-Emergency	610-967-3113
Emergency 911	911

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Other Important Phone Numbers

Berkheimer (per capita tax)	610-599-3139
PA One Call	1-800-242-1776
Streetlights – Repair and Maintenance, PPL	1-800-342-5775
Trash/Recycling – Whitetail Disposal	610-936-9967; emmaus@whitetaildisposal.com

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Volunteer Opportunities:

The Halloween Parade Committee needs more volunteers to help our traditions grow! Consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

- **Division Captains:** Format the division and walk with the parade to keep it secure and orderly. (5:30 p.m. until the parade ends) Eight to ten Division Captains are needed.
- **Parade Marshal:** Format the parade, attend weekly meetings, and weave the parade in the Formation Area. (5:30 p.m. until the parade ends)
- **Float Formation Area:** Line up all the floats according to the parade format. (5:00 p.m. until the parade starts) Four to six volunteers are needed.

Meetings:

Halloween Parade Committee Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. starting September 11th, with the final meeting on Thursday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Community Room at Borough Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus.

For more information or volunteering opportunities, please email EmmausParade@aol.com.

Let's make this Halloween a memorable and magical event for the whole community!



TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE PLEASE USE THE QR CODE OR MAIL A CHECK. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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Fall 2024

**Our virtual library is open 24/7
at www.emmauspl.org**



Have you visited the library lately?

Nearly 8,000 Emmaus residents have an active library card, but we want to see even more community members using the library! September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and we want to get library cards into as many hands as possible.

Getting your first library card is FREE and EASY! Simply stop in the library, show your ID, and get a card in just minutes. You can also request a card through a simple form on our website.

Do you already have a library card? We can update your card quickly in person or over the phone and have you back to borrowing in no time. Can't find your old card? Replacement cards are only \$2, but we are waiving that fee for residents of Emmaus Borough, Macungie Borough, and Upper Milford Township during the month of September.

Why should you have a library card?

Your library card is a free ticket to so many resources! Your card provides access to over 1.4 million physical library materials through our borrowing agreements with other local libraries (there are 20 libraries that have teamed up to provide this service). Your card also provides you with 24/7 access to a host of online resources – traditional research, learning a new language, downloading eBooks or audiobooks, streaming films & television shows, and live online tutoring and homework help. And that's just getting started!

The Emmaus Public Library has more than just books. You can borrow DVDs, CDs, museum passes, and mobile hot spots. We offer free computers (with printing available for a small fee) and wi-fi access. Need something notarized? We offer residents of Emmaus Borough, Macungie Borough, and Upper Milford Township free notary service by appointment. We also offer hundreds of free events and classes for all ages throughout the year – everything from storytimes to book discussion groups to crochet club. There is truly something for everybody at the Emmaus Public Library.

Whether you are a regular library user or brand new to the library, we invite you to visit us soon. Get a library card or use your library card. Our staff and volunteers look forward to helping you get the most from your library card.

Monthly Events

The Emmaus Public Library hosts a variety of events and classes for all ages every month. Please visit our website www.emmauspl.org for the most current schedule and to see all of our special event offerings.

Take a look at the following monthly events, which are just a small sample of what the library offers.

- **Libby Lessons:**** - RSVP to Lauri for help with Libby by OverDrive for eBooks and other digital collections. Remember to bring your charged device and your library card to your 30-minute appointment. Days & times vary.
- **Daytime Book Group**** – 1st Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. There are some copies available to borrow at the front desk.

October 1st – To Kill A Mockingbird (Harper Lee)

November 5th – Lessons in Chemistry (Bonnie Garmus)

December 3rd – The Good Sister (Sally Hepworth)

- **Pinterest Party:** - 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. All supplies are provided for the first 24 people. First come, first served.
- **Career Coaching:** – 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. via a video conferencing appointment one-on-one with Bill Miner of Careerlink.
- **Crochet Group** – Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Drop in for our weekly crocheting club! All skill levels are encouraged to join in. Bring in your current crochet project or get started with advice from more experienced crocheters.

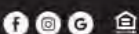
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- **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**** – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Presented by Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter and hosted by South Mountain Memory Care, and facilitated by Caren Steel, CDP. Please RSVP to Register at 610-965-7662 or email csteel@southmountainmemorycare.com
- **Creative Writing Group**** – 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an in-person creative writing group with Pat Johnson, a long-time creative writer. The group welcomes those who want to write creatively for fun and/or publication. All are welcome.
- **Find Your Ancestors:**** – 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Sign up in advance for a 30-minute appointment with Chris to get in-person assistance uncovering your family tree and insight using Ancestry.com.
- **Memoir Writing Group:**** – 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Join author Jerry Waxler and others on a ZOOM videoconference to write about your life.
- **Storytime!** – October through December, weekly Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us with their adults for stories, singing, crafts, and fun!
- **Facebook Writing Prompts:** – 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Join us on Facebook for a new prompt every 15 minutes – write about each one or save them for later, share your work or keep it private. The choices are yours in this all ages event.
- **Block Party:** – 1st Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. from October through December. For all little builders of preschool and elementary ages and their caretakers. Miss Sue will open the block cabinet in the children's wing, and we will make amazing things together.
- **Teen Writers Group:**** – 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Join Miss Sue to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud not required!
- **Books 'n' Barks*** – 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs. There is no registration needed. Bring your own books or choose one from the library.

**** Please send Adult Event RSVPs to Lauri by email to eplcollection@cliu.org or call 610-965-9284 x210, and send Kids & Teens Event RSVPs to Miss Sue by email to eplkids@cliu.org.**



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As we head into fall, the Board of Directors at the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society celebrated a summer full of successful events like the Strawberry and Peach Festivals, as well as the annual Passport to History Weekend where history lovers from near and far had a chance to experience early Lehigh Valley life as it was in the late 18th century. With the fall Harvest Festival still to come on Saturday, October 26th, we're looking forward to another afternoon packed with great fall fun, food, and friends. We hope you'll join us and connect with your own local history. You can register for our free events at KnaussHomestead.org or inquire about how you can set up shop as a small business and showcase your products to thousands of festival attendees.



Though 2024 has been a wonderful year at the Homestead, we suffered a great loss on May 18th in the passing of one of our founding members and past presidents, John Schmoyer. John was one of the most outspoken advocates of historic preservation, and the critical role it plays in shaping our community. He spoke at many of our festivals and gatherings, and alongside his wife Ann, took great pride in keeping the homestead looking and feeling fresh, clean, and full of period-appropriate treasures for the community to enjoy. From guiding countless third graders through the historic Heinrich Knauss House during their school field trips, to hand-crafting furniture for the house and barn, John's presence was a constant at the homestead. His extensive historical knowledge, wisdom, and dedication to the preservation of our landmark is irreplaceable and will be sorely missed.



EMMAUS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

On Saturday September 21st, the Emmaus Heritage Alliance will hold their annual Heritage Festival on the grounds of the Emmaus Historical Society located at 218 Main St., from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Alliance is celebrating 32 years as a forum for historic issues within the Borough. The Alliance was created in 1992 by former Borough Council member, Rick Zayaitz, as a way for local historic groups to meet and discuss common goals. It has since become a valuable tool for planning events and for promoting the heritage of Emmaus.

History really can be fun! The festival will include inside and outside displays of its member groups, good food, entertainment, and children's activities. It will also include demonstrations such as weaving, blacksmithing, PA long rifle lore, and animals and hands-on children's activities by the Wildlands Conservancy.

We are partnering on that same day with the Emmaus Main Street Partners' "Farewell to Summer" event downtown. Heritage Alliance members include the Emmaus Historical Society, Shelter House Society, Knauss Homestead Preservation Society, the Friends of the 1803 House, the Emmaus Public Library, Emmaus Moravian Church, and the Emmaus Main Street Partners.

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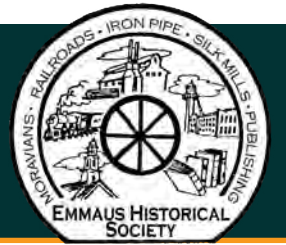
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EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

218 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-966-6591

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday as well as extended hours during special events.



On May 15th, 2024, the Emmaus Historical Society held its annual membership and board elections. Please welcome new president, Linda Boehmer as the 7th president in a long line of dedicated and committed leaders. Thanks to Jeanne Harakal for her many years of service and leading the organization pre and post pandemic.

Please welcome the officers and board for the 2024-2025 season:



President- Linda Boehmer
Vice President- Andrew Kerstetter
Treasurer- Nick DeOliveira
Recording Secretary- Mary Parsell
Corresponding Secretary- Teri Sorg-McMannamon
Albert Wieand
Linda Waddell
Debra Hoffman
Mike Henry
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The primary purposes of the Historical Society are the promotion and encouragement of historical study and research into all aspects of the Borough of Emmaus. Through our programs and events, we give many residents and members the chance to reminisce as well as learn. Those of you that were born and grew up here have provided enormous amounts of information and memorabilia which has been the core of the Society and Museum. We look forward to leading the Emmaus Historical Society and to help everyone in the Borough – the generations born here and newcomers to Emmaus – to learn about the history-filled community we have all chosen to call home.

Our upcoming programs are not to be missed! Programs are held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut Street and are free to the public and members and non-members are welcome:

- September 18: The History of Jefferson School, Part 2 – presented by Jim Schwar
- October 16: The "Corner" Stores of Emmaus – presented by Andrew Kerstetter
- November 20: Virtual Walking Tour of God's Acre – presented by Jeanne Harakal

Join us at the Emmaus Historical Society for the annual Emmaus Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our partners for this special event are the Shelter House, Knauss Homestead, 1803 House, Emmaus Public Library, Emmaus Moravian Church, and the Emmaus Main Street Partners. This event is being held on the same day and time as the Emmaus Farewell to Summer Festival with activities all over the Borough! More information is coming soon.



For the past several years the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus have partnered in celebrating our community centenarians who are part of the fabric of this special town. We recently honored Dorris Hennemuth Schaffer for her July 13th 100th birthday! The Historical Society is deeply grateful to those who let us know when someone with Emmaus roots is celebrating a 100th birthday. If you know someone 100 years old or older who lives in Emmaus or has an Emmaus connection and would like them to be recognized by the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus, contact us at emmaushist@ptd.net.

Fundraising is at the heart of what we can accomplish. On sale now and available at all Historical Society events and at the Museum during Saturday hours - tickets for a "Take a Chance on Fun" Raffle! Choose between 2 Nights at The Bird's Nest Bed and Breakfast or a weeknight stay at Bear Creek Mountain Resort! Drawing will be held at Emmaus Heritage Festival, September 21st.

The Emmaus Historical Society appreciates you, our community members. Please consider becoming a member and a volunteer. Our work continues the legacy of our hometown. Call or visit the website at www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org to complete an online membership form. Call for more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities, 610-966-6591. Visit the Historical Society Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org.

THE EMMAUS VETERANS COMMITTEE

Help the Committee to Preserve the Memory of Our Veterans

On Memorial Day of every year, the Emmaus Veterans Committee (EVC) organizes the Emmaus Memorial Day parade in cooperation with the Borough. The parade ends at Emmaus Memorial Park, where the EVC presents a program in honor of Emmaus veterans.

It has long been a goal of the EVC to transform the Emmaus Memorial Park, located at the corner of N. 4th and North Street, into the Emmaus Veteran's Memorial Triangle to honor the veterans of the Borough. After presenting the plan to Borough Council, the Committee is pleased to report that it has been given approval, and the Borough has agreed to provide support for the project.

The entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$125,000. The EVC is a small group with minimal funds. The Veterans Committee is requesting donations from residents and businesses to assist in funding the transformation of the park. Any donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. The EVC is a 501(c)(3) organization so donations are fully deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax receipts will be gladly issued if requested. Please do not send cash in the mail.



Checks should be made payable and mailed to: EMMAUS VETERANS COMMITTEE, PO BOX 161, Emmaus, PA 18049

Every year the Emmaus Veterans Committee works very hard for veteran's causes, and we hope we can count on you for a generous donation to assist in this project. We sincerely hope that you will join us in honoring our veterans and help us to achieve our goal. Any questions can be directed to: emmausveteranscommittee@gmail.com.



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The Recreation and Entertainment Commission would like to give a huge thank you to our sponsors for this summer's events. Our concerts and movie nights would not have been possible without their generous support. If you are interested in sponsoring our 2025 summer events, please email us at emmausrec@gmail.com. All donations are tax deductible.

Do you have an idea for an event you would like to see in the Borough?

We would love to hear from you! Please send us an email to emmausrec@gmail.com, or attend one of our monthly meetings. The meeting dates/times can be found on the borough's website at www.emmauspa.gov.

Would you like to help plan our events?

The Recreation and Entertainment Commission needs more volunteers to assist us in making these events happen. Visit our website at <https://www.emmausent.com>, for more information on how to become a member. And if you'd like to volunteer without joining the commission, send us an email at emmausrec@gmail.com to explore volunteer options.

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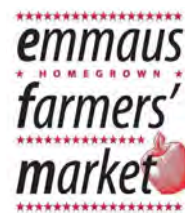
JOIN US JANUARY-APRIL FROM 10:00 A.M.- NOON

The Emmaus Farmers' Market runs into fall bringing apples and squash, all the way into the winter! Join us every Sunday at the beautiful Emmaus Triangle for local fruits & vegetables, a variety of dairy products (cow & sheep milk cheeses), sourdough breads & organic baked goods, raw honey, coffee, herbs, locally grown organic hemp & CBD products, kombucha, locally grown tea, pasture raised meats & eggs and so much more. Catch local live music every week through the last Sunday in November Rain or Shine 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Farmers' Market winter hours will begin in December.

The Farmers' Market also has live music! The live music schedule for the remainder of the season: Frank Porter (9/22), Tom & Betty Druckenmiller and Friends (9/29), Tavern Tan (10/6), Nick Franclik (10/13), Just So (10/20), Emmaus Public Singing Society (10/27), Kenzie Lynn (11/3) and Twelve String (11/10). Stop by the market's Merchandise & Information tent and see Jen for holiday gifts where all sales go right back to the market. Bring a friend this fall and winter to spread the market love! Putting your dollars directly back into your local farmers pockets helps our community, farm families and local economy grow. No farms, no food!



We are always in need of 501(c) non-profits at the Community Table. If you are interested, please email the Marketing & Events Coordinator, Jen Schuster, at info@emmausmarket.com and visit our website for information on the Contact tab. Is there something you'd love to see at our market? Drop us a line at our email address. Be sure to follow us on Facebook & Instagram for any new updates and visit our website www.emmausmarket.com for more information and documents. Don't forget to stop by the market tent to get your #RoosterRewards card punched and represent your favorite farmers' market!



Emmaus Community Garden Commission – Another Bountiful Season

The Emmaus Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 2022 by likeminded individuals working to enhance the beauty and quality of life in Emmaus.

The Emmaus Community Foundation, also known as ECF, is a private independent 501(c)(3) foundation created for the sole purpose of addressing the unmet needs in our community. The underlying goal is to empower individuals and organizations to create lasting legacies through their donations. The Foundation will succeed by encouraging philanthropy to fund initiatives such as our parks and green spaces, our vital arts community, and the preservation of our rich history.

ECF is not affiliated with the municipality, the local school district or other governing body. Its members are Emmaus residents, and community and business leaders working together to improve and retain the valuable character of Emmaus. The understanding of what makes Emmaus special and the autonomy the foundation enjoys allows for a streamlined effort to identify and support projects which could otherwise not be completed.

Details about the Emmaus Community Foundation along with donation opportunities can be found online at www.emmauscommunityfoundation.org.

The members of the Emmaus Community Foundation include Chairman John W. Hart, Treasurer Chris Defrain and Board Members Peter J. Adams, Chad Balliet, Dustin Grim, Michael Koch, Evan Walters, Janie Slamon, and honorary member, Shane Pepe. ECF meets monthly and takes pride in a productive agenda facilitating donors married with vision resulting in measurable success for Emmaus.

The gardening season at the Emmaus Community Garden got off to a wonderful start. All the plots were rented, and the Commission members worked on one plot for produce donation to Plant-a-Row Lehigh Valley. In 2023, 352 pounds of produce grown in the Community Garden was donated to Plant-A-Row! Despite the sweltering heat at the end of June and beginning of July, the gardeners did a great job of keeping their vegetables thriving. Volunteers worked hard to keep up with garden maintenance. The fence was repaired, and an announcement sign is currently being installed. Several Commission members were also busy presenting gardening programs for both children and adults at the Emmaus Public Library and the Emmaus Farmers' Market.

If you are interested in renting a plot next season or more information, please email emmausgarden18049@gmail.com.



Shelter House News

601 South 4th Street, Emmaus, PA • <https://shelterhouseemmaus.org/>

A JEWEL IN SHELTER HOUSE HISTORIC CROWN: KEN BILES



Several years ago, we invited Ken Biles to present his historic program about colonial America – its inhabitants and how they lived and survived in these wilds of the frontier. Biles' program was a great hit with guests at our Patriots Day Dinner held that year at the Fire Company Social Hall.

The main reason for the popularity of the program was the extensive collection of archaeological artifacts Mr. Biles has collected over the years. He displayed his collection to our guests. In addition, his program included a narrative and demonstration about how the colonial frontiersman protected themselves from enemies. Mr. Biles concluded his program that night by starting a fire by rubbing sticks together to create sparks which fell onto a small pile of dry vegetation. Those in attendance were dazzled as they witnessed him building a fire on the floor of the fire house.

Mr. Biles became a star that very night and the Shelter House invited him to join its Board of Directors, which he accepted, and the rest became part of our very rich and storied history.

We learn that Mr. Biles is a retired educator after some 34 years in the Pottsgrove School system. After his time in the US Military, he earned a degree in Health and Physical Education and elementary education. It is in this endeavor that he found his path: presenting living colonial history to young people. As time passed, Mr. Biles, with his razor-sharp talent for improvisation, adapted his program for grownups and those whose interests lie in history. He is a member of the Society for Archaeology, a state organization for professional and amateur archaeologists. The group locates and documents historic places, launches archaeology digs, and documents the finds. Sometimes, he claims, they just sift dirt for hours until at last they might unearth a small artifact or a historic coin. Mr. Biles and his group work closely with the Historic Preservations Trust of Berks County. Currently the group is working at the Monce Jones site, an early 1700s stone structure belonging to one early settler from Sweden, Monce

Jones. Mr. Jones was Swedish and traded goods with the Lenape Native Americans.

Since joining the Shelter House Board of Directors, Mr. Biles has forged facsimiles of the iron hinges on our outside cellar door. In his iron forging/wood working studio he constructed a new cellar door and has completed the roof work on the Spring House, the long-awaited project at the Shelter House. Most importantly, Mr. Biles was the moving force to refurnish the interior of the Shelter House main room with authentic reproductions of what the colonial furnishings might have looked like. He fashioned a rope bed, a saw-buck table with benches, a cupboard and dry sink. His creations are from a White Oak tree that had fallen in the Shelter House woods and provided wood for the Spring House and most of the furnishings. Lastly, he made the table settings, a hand-made vessel, and utensils. This addition creates a better look through the mirror of history of how the early colonials might have lived inside the Shelter House in 1735.

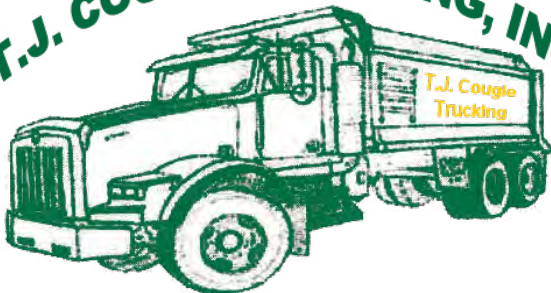
Mr. Biles has other plans of interest for the Shelter House. He is planning a "Moravian Day" at the Shelter House given the close connection of the early Moravians and the Shelter House.

Mr. Biles has been the creative director of a video in the planning that will be made available to school students about the history and times of the Colonial Shelter House.

Mr. Biles and his wife Ruth nee Kieiy Biles live in the vicinity of Douglassville, PA. They have two daughters, Kimberly and Karen. There is no lack of creativity in the Biles household as Ruth is an accomplished watercolorist who exhibits regionally. She has painted two of Emmaus' historic houses: The Shelter House and 1803 House. Please visit the Shelter House located at 601 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. For more information or to plan a visit, call Dean Bortz, Resident curator and historic log structure expert at 610-965-9258.



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The Borough of Emmaus has openings on several Boards and Commissions. If you would like to be part of the process and volunteer for the community, we encourage you to explore one of these opportunities:

Emmaus Arts Commission – 6 vacancies: This Commission explores different artistic opportunities in the community and sponsors many of our wonderful community events. Some of the recent projects include the gnome project, painting the picnic tables at the Triangle, the fire hydrant paint project, the Student Film Festival, and the SnowBlast event in February.

Joint Environmental Advisory Commission– 2 vacancies: This Advisory Council is a joint board with Upper Milford Township and the Borough of Emmaus. The Council oversees several events and projects throughout the year, including Earth Day, public education events, and different environmental projects such as stream bank restoration work along our creeks. Preferred Experience / Qualifications: environmentalist, knowledge of environmental concerns and issues, event planning.

Time Commitment: One meeting per month in either Emmaus Borough or Upper Milford Township.

Recreation and Entertainment Commission - 8 vacancies: This Commission oversees a variety of community events and activities. The Commission oversees the Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, and events like car shows, Community Day, and others that the Commission decides to host throughout the year.

Preferred Experience / Qualifications: event planning, parks and recreational professional, attends community events, fundraising experience.

Time Commitment: minimum of one 1-hour meeting per month. During spring, summer, and early fall, time commitment will be more.

To apply to volunteer, simply download the form on the Borough's website www.emmauspa.gov, fill it out and send it to 28 S. 4th Street Emmaus, PA 18049 and we will be in touch.





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- Grow local economies
- Response to Disaster
- Protect the Environment

So, how do you want to get involved in Rotary?

Emmaus Rotary is an active and vibrant Club. We invite you to join us to learn more! We hold **TWO** convenient meeting options.

Every Thursday morning 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.: Delizioso Italian Grill

Every Third Wednesday 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Rising River Brewing Co.

You can learn more at EmmausRotary.org & Follow us on Facebook at Emmaus Rotary: Non-Profit Organization. EmmausRotary@gmail.com

Emmaus Rotary's continuous service project aimed at feeding children in EPSD needs YOUR support. The East Penn Food Coalition: Feed East Penn Students Program: The Emmaus Rotary along with the East Penn School District and other service organizations in our community such as Bethel Pantry, Kiwanis, Lions, Lioness, Faith Presbyterian Church, Holy Spirit Church, Angel Network and Lower Macungie Township Community Center established the East Penn Food Coalition in 2020 to provide food for children/families in our community facing food insecurity. *As of July 2024, this food program has provided over 18,000 bags of food for our community. Food is distributed weekly and is meant to provide a family with a week of food. The program has increased costs and urgently needs more funding to sustain this ongoing service to those in need. Please consider supporting this worthy cause by sending donations to:*



Many thanks for your support: Checks may be made out to Emmaus Rotary Foundation Please send to: Emmaus Rotary Foundation c/o 2225 Riverbend Rd. Allentown, PA 18103 Contacts: Cindy Hornaman: hornamca@ptd.net, (610) 360-487.



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To get your free detectors call the Emmaus Fire Department Business Office, Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm, and we will gladly schedule a time to install your smoke and CO alarms.

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Happy Fall from the Emmaus Main Street Partners! We are excited to kick off this season with our annual Farewell to Summer Festival on **Saturday September 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m!** We invite you to join us at the Triangle and down main street for live music, kids' activities, local craft vendors, food trucks and more! We here at the Chamber love putting on events like these to bring the community together, to help stimulate the economy while improving the quality of life for the residents of Emmaus and beyond!

We had a busy summer showcasing many different member businesses including Juxtahub who held a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the start of construction for the 20+ artists studios; phase one of their build out plan for this community resource center.

We also welcomed Hank's Italian Ice to the Borough with a grand opening celebration! Owned by Adean Merrill, a young entrepreneur & Emmaus local, this gourmet Italian ice shop offers 50 rotating flavors most of which are gluten and dairy free. We are so thrilled to see the Emmaus business community thriving and encourage you to learn more about these and the many other businesses across the borough!



Save the Date for our Upcoming Events!

Small Business Saturday – November 30th – All Day

Old Fashioned Christmas featuring the Cheers Trail** - Saturday December 7th from 12 -7:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Triangle Festivities)

***These events will require the Main Street portion of the Triangle along with South Fourth Street to be closed for the duration of the event along with at least an hour before and after the events.*

Are you a new or existing business in the area that is interested in learning more about the Chamber and Emmaus Main Street Partners? We'd love learn more about your business and partner with you! Contact us today for more information (484-828-9777)

Are you hearing about some of these events for the first time? Learn more about the Chamber of Commerce's event opportunities at LehighValleyChamber.org/events, follow Emmaus Main Street Partners on Facebook, @EmmausMSP.



Police News:

Welcome to the Borough's Newest Police Officer – Tyler Wiik

On Monday June 17, 2024, Mayor Gilbert administered the Oath of Office to Tyler Wiik as he was sworn in as the newest member of the Emmaus Police Department. Officer Wiik graduated in 2022 with his degree in Criminal Justice and in 2023 with his Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Bloomsburg University. He graduated from the Allentown Police Academy in the beginning of June, and we are excited for Officer Wiik to join our team!



Emmaus Police Department Welcomes Julie Niebell

Emmaus Borough is excited to introduce Julie Niebell as our newly hired clerk in the Police department. Ms. Niebell was hired by Borough Council at their March 4th, 2024 meeting and began work on March 25th, 2024. Ms. Niebell previously was a Lehigh County 911 Dispatcher for numerous years. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and keeps busy with her 3 children. We are excited to have Ms. Niebell and her knowledge of law enforcement.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS FROM THE EMMAUS POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Friday, October 25, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)



It's the time of year for costumes, sweets, tricks and treats. While Halloween offers plenty of make-believe fun, it also brings real safety risks as children dart across dark streets with their minds more on candy than on cars. **Children are twice as likely to be hit by a car on trick or treat night than on any other night of the year.** Burns and cuts are also common during Halloween. And then there's the candy: almost two-thirds of parents think their kids eat too much of it around Halloween.

Trick or Treat can be safely enjoyed, especially when parents put extra care into planning and supervision. Talk with your children every year about safety concerns unique to this holiday and review do's and don'ts before heading out to trick or treat.

Please follow these tips to keep your family safe this spooky season.

Get clever with costumes!

From furry animals to princesses and superheroes, choosing costumes wisely is an important part of trick or treat safety. Follow these tips:

- **The brighter the better.** Whether you buy a costume or make one yourself, choose bright colors and flame-retardant materials. If your child will be trick or treating outdoors after dark, attach reflective tape to his or her costume or treat bag.
- **Size it right.** In case it's chilly outdoors, make sure your child's costume is loose enough for warm clothing to be worn underneath — but not long enough to cause tripping. Avoid oversized shoes and high heels.
- **Skip the masks.** A mask can obstruct your child's vision, especially if it slips out of place. Use kid-friendly, nontoxic makeup instead.
- **Limit accessories.** Pointed props — such as wands, swords and knives — might pose safety hazards. Carry flashlights or wear glowing wristbands instead.

Trick or treat with care!

Before your children start trick or treating, review these basic Halloween safety rules:

- **Get in on the fun.** Accompany trick or treaters younger than age 12. Pin a piece of paper with your child's name, address and phone number inside your child's pocket in case you get separated. Encourage older kids to trick or treat with a group of friends, parents or older siblings. Make sure someone in the group has a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- **Set ground rules.** If your child will be trick or treating without you, plan and discuss a familiar route and set a curfew. Review safety rules, including staying with the group, walking only on the sidewalk, approaching only clearly lit homes, and never going inside a home or car for a treat. Have your child carry a cellphone for the evening so that he or she can contact you.
- **Inspect treats before indulging.** Don't let your child snack while he or she is trick or treating. Feed your child an early meal before heading out, and inspect the treats before allowing your child to dive in. Discard anything that is not sealed, has torn packaging or looks questionable. If you have young children, weed out gum, peanuts, hard candies and other choking hazards.

If your child has food allergies, check candy labels carefully. Even hard candies may be manufactured in facilities that process nuts, milk, soy, wheat, egg or other allergens.

- **Ration the loot.** If your child collects gobs of goodies, dole out a few pieces at a time and save the rest. You might even ask your child if he or she would like to swap some — or all — of the candy for something else, such as a special toy, book or outing.
- **Plan a party.** Consider planning a trick or treat party with a couple of neighbors instead of house-to-house door knocking. Decorate the garages, have a costume contest, or plan games and prizes. Check local schools, malls and churches to find other safe celebration options.

Stay safe and sweet on the home front!

Planning to hand out treats? To make sure you're ready for trick or treaters, follow these tips:

- **Clean up.** Put away anything trick or treaters could trip over, such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations. Clear wet leaves, snow or other debris from the sidewalk.
- **Turn the lights on.** Replace any burned-out bulbs to ensure good visibility at the walkway and front door.
- **Control your pets.** Take no chances that your pet might be frightened and chase or bite a child at your door.
- **Consider sugar substitutes.** Instead of handing out sugar-laden treats, try stickers, fun pencils, rubber insects or colored chalk.

If you're driving while trick or treat is taking place, watch for children who might pop out between parked cars. Be especially careful entering or leaving driveways and alleys. Extra caution can help ensure trick or treat safety for everyone.

Carve safely!

Before you start carving pumpkins, consider these Halloween safety rules:

- **Decorate with markers, glitter glue or paint.** Let young children draw faces on pumpkins with art supplies. Leave any carving to an adult.
- **Use candles with care.** Place candlelit pumpkins on a sturdy surface away from curtains and other flammable objects. Never leave candlelit pumpkins unattended. Better yet, light pumpkins with flashlights, battery-operated flameless candles or glow sticks instead.

Credit: The Mayo Clinic

Director of Emergency Services John Price Retires



At the beginning of September, Director of Emergency Services John Price worked his last day for the Borough of Emmaus. Chief Price's retirement caps 42 years of dedicated fire and ambulance service to the Lehigh Valley.

Chief Price began his fire and EMS career in 1982, being hired as a young man in the Easton Fire Department. He spent his entire career within the department, being promoted through the department as a firefighter, lieutenant, captain, and ultimately serving as the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Marshall from 2007 until 2014, when he retired from the department. He also worked as an EMT and served as a part-time deputy sheriff for the Northampton Sheriff's office, while also serving as a part-time police officer for Forks Township early in his career. Chief Price is a long-time member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and is still active as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown Forks Township Fire Department. He has been an active volunteer in his community throughout his entire life.

Chief Price came to the Borough in 2016, at a time when we were very desperate for a great leader in our Fire and Ambulance operations. The Borough's Fire Department had recently won its unionization case at the PA Commonwealth Court and there was a major turnover in the Ambulance Corps leadership team. There was upheaval, uneasiness, and a lack of trust throughout both departments with regards to management and within the departments. Chief Price came into a very difficult situation. Under his leadership, we were not only able to mend relationships and get both departments on track, but we were able to thrive once again. Our Fire Department quickly reestablished itself as one of the best in the Lehigh Valley, and our Ambulance Department began to rebuild as well. Chief Price's steady hand has helped lead both departments to increased professionalism, established consistency through clear expectations and policies, increased performance, and increased service to our community. He helped reestablish the pride our departments take in serving our community and he helped rebuild trust and relationships between the departments as well as with leadership. Chief Price oversaw the design and remodeling of Central Station, established a capital improvement and equipment replacement plan, and helped develop future leaders within our operations. His dedication to improving our community and serving our residents will be remembered for many years, as his positive impact on our emergency service operations, especially in a time of need, will be forever cherished. Thank you, Chief Price, for 8 years of dedicated service to our wonderful community. His "final" retirement is much deserved as we wave goodbye to an outstanding career of dedication as a public servant! Chief Price looks forward to spending his retirement with his recently retired wife, while riding cruise ships around the world.





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Refuse and Recycling Information

Dear Borough of Emmaus Residents,

We are writing to share important information about recycling and the proper way to dispose of recyclables. Proper recycling is crucial for reducing waste, conserving resources, and protecting our environment. Recycling helps to:

Conserve natural resources: By recycling materials like paper, glass, and aluminum, we reduce the need to extract raw materials from the Earth.

Save energy: Recycling processes typically use less energy than manufacturing products from new materials.

Reduce landfill waste: Proper recycling decreases the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, reducing environmental pollution.

Protect wildlife: By reducing pollution and conserving habitats, recycling helps protect wildlife and biodiversity.

Recycling Do's and Don'ts

Here are some do's and don'ts when it comes to recycling:

DO

- ✓ **Rinse Containers:** Clean out any food or liquid residue from recyclable containers. This helps prevent contamination and ensures materials are properly recycled.
- ✓ **Break Down Boxes:** Flatten cardboard boxes to save space and make them easier to handle.
- ✓ **Follow Local Guidelines:** Each area has specific rules for what can and cannot be recycled. Familiarize yourself with the local recycling guidelines. Review the list of recyclable items below or visit www.whitetaildisposal.com/recycling/.
- ✓ **Place Loosely in a Lidded Bin:** Recyclables need to be loose and unbagged (garbage bags are not recyclable). The Emmaus Borough requires residents to place recyclables in a lidded container for collection. Whitetail Disposal asks that trash and recycling containers are placed wheels toward house for pick up.

DON'T

- ✗ **Don't Include Plastic Bags:** Plastic bags can clog recycling machinery. Use designated collection points at grocery stores for these items.
- ✗ **Don't Recycle Contaminated Items:** Items with food residue, grease (this includes pizza boxes), or hazardous waste should not be placed in the recycling bin. Contaminated recyclables end up in the landfill.
- ✗ **Don't Mix Non-Recyclables:** Avoid placing non-recyclable items such as electronics, batteries, and hazardous waste in your recycling bin.
- ✗ **Don't Assume Items Are Recyclable:** Review the list of items below. When in doubt, check the Whitetail Disposal website (whitetaildisposal.com) or call (610) 754-0103. Trying to recycle non-recyclable items can contaminate the whole batch.



Items Accepted

- ✓ **Paper:** Newspapers, magazines, and office paper (unshredded) are recyclable.
- ✓ **Cardboard:** Unsoiled cardboard boxes are recyclable. Break down and flatten boxes when possible.
- ✓ **Glass:** Bottles and jars are generally recyclable as long as they are emptied and thoroughly rinsed clean.
- ✓ **Metals:** Aluminum cans, tin cans, steel cans, and foil are accepted if rinsed clean.
- ✓ **Plastics:** Bottles and containers labeled with recycling symbols #1-#7 are accepted if rinsed clean.

For more on recycling, visit www.whitetaildisposal.com/recycling/ or scan the QR code below.



Items NOT Accepted

- ✗ **Soiled Containers:** Greasy food containers (e.g., pizza boxes) go in trash.
- ✗ **Soiled Paper and Store Receipts:** Shredded, wet, or soiled paper and store receipts clog the machine. Consider composting.
- ✗ **Plastic Shopping Bags:** Return these to designated collection points at stores.
- ✗ **Plastic Wrap:** Plastic wrap, bubble wrap, sandwich bags, and freezer bags can be reused or placed in trash.
- ✗ **Flexible Bags or Coated Containers:** Trash flexible food packaging (e.g., chip bags, juice pouches) and containers with a wax or plastic coating (e.g., to-go cups, milk cartons).
- ✗ **Styrofoam:** To-go cups and containers and packing peanuts are not accepted. Check for specialized recycling programs in your area.
- ✗ **Electronics and Batteries:** Use e-waste recycling programs or designated drop-off points.
- ✗ **Hazardous Materials:** Items such as paint, chemicals, or medical waste require special disposal methods.

Call Before You Dig

If you are planning on digging, call Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. (POCS) three business days before you dig at 1-800-242-1776 or 8-1-1. The call center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. PA Act 287 as amended requires excavators as well as private landowners to call POCS three days prior to any type of digging occurring with powered equipment. Mark your excavation area in white paint before calling with a dig notification.

By calling, you allow the facility owners the opportunity to locate and mark their underground facility in advance of the planned excavation (gas and liquid pipelines will mark underground facilities using yellow stakes, flags, or paint).



**Know what's below.
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PFAS Update: We are Getting Closer

On July 9th, the Borough received its latest PFAS readings for our wells. Well # 1, which remains online, read at a combined 178.3 parts per trillion between PFOS and PFOA. Well # 2 read at a combined 896 parts per trillion. Both readings are less than the readings from three months ago, however, they both remain above the acceptable PA DEP and EPA standards.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has recently required all PA water suppliers to start testing for PFAS. They have also created a database of the different water systems with elevated PFAS levels. Emmaus is not the only community with PFAS in its system. Nearly all water systems have some level of PFAS in them, with some in the Lehigh Valley having exceeded the acceptable levels. Both Walnutport and Palmerton have both recently been tested at elevated levels, and at least one well in LCA's water system has tested at an elevated level. Now that testing has become commonplace, PFAS is being discovered in more drinking water systems

What is Known, and NOT Known, About PFAS?

The EPA website (<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>) states that PFAS are widely used, long lasting chemicals, components of which break down very slowly over time. Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, many PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals all over the world and are present at low levels in a variety of food products and in the environment. PFAS are found in water, air, fish, and soil at locations across the nation and the globe. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals. There are thousands of PFAS chemicals, and they are found in many different consumer, commercial, and industrial products. This makes it challenging to study and assess the potential human health and environmental risks.

The EPA website also states that there are many things that are NOT known or fully understood about PFAS yet.

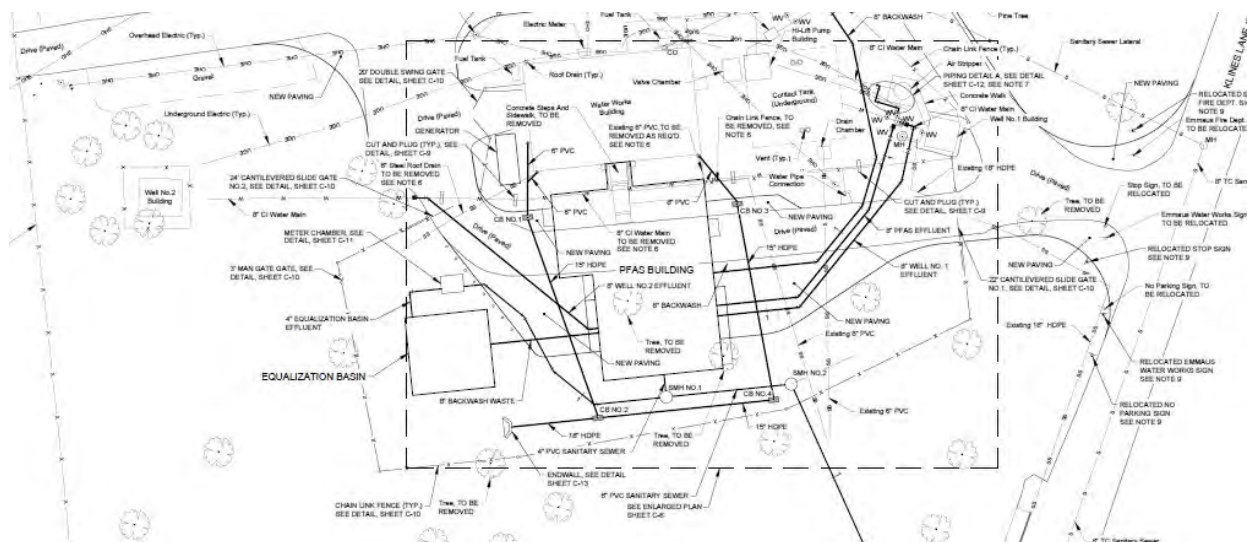
The website states EPA's researchers and partners across the country are working hard to answer critical questions about PFAS:

- How to better and more efficiently detect and measure PFAS in our air, water, soil, and fish and wildlife.
- How much people are exposed to PFAS.
- How harmful PFAS are to people and the environment.
- How to remove PFAS from drinking water.
- How to manage and dispose of PFAS.

We have found out the hard way that neither EPA or PA DEP have all the answers, and in a lot of cases, any answers. We have repeatedly asked for scientific proof regarding their findings. There is little to show. Unfortunately, this has made the Borough of Emmaus a test case in Pennsylvania, as we are one of the first of very many water systems that were discovered to test positive for PFAS.

What's Next:

Our engineer firm has completed engineering and we have applied for PA DEP permits for construction of the PFAS mitigation system and facilities for Well # 1 and Well # 2, both located adjacent to the fire training grounds. Cost estimates are approximately \$8 million for construction of the new facilities and an additional \$2 million in engineering and other contingencies. In November, we will apply to Penn Vest, a major source of municipal funding for major infrastructure projects. We are hopeful that most or all the initial capital outlay project



will be funded via grant money, however, that is not a guarantee. The balance would be funded through a Penn Vest low-interest loan. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we could get grant funding for this entire project!

The project is going to include construction that will most likely take no less than 12 months to complete. It is going to require an entirely new plumbing and pump system in both wells. It will include the removal of the current air stripper and will include the construction of a large building adjacent to our current Water Works building on Klines Lane. The new building is going to include 4 very large tanks that are 12 feet wide x at least 20 feet high. The building will most likely reach about 40 feet. The tanks will house a carbon bedding system that will treat all of the water coming out of both Well # 1 and Well # 2. The project is going to require the construction of an equalization basin, new sanitary sewer connections, underground contact tanks, a backwash area, and other necessary components for this type of system. The carbon bedding will need to be changed out approximately every 10 months. Unfortunately, the project is much more complicated than simply adding a tank to the current water system.

When is This Going to Be Fixed?

Because of the overall cost of the project, funding is going to be essential. While the Borough is going to front approximately \$1 million to begin ordering the tanks once our PA DEP permit is approved, this is only because of the long lead time. There is not a large pot of money sitting around waiting to be spent on this project. Therefore, we will need to wait for a funding decision by Penn Vest. We anticipate that decision to hopefully be made by the end of the year. As soon as grants and / or loans are secured, we will begin the bidding process for the work. We anticipate construction to last 12 – 15 months. It is our hope that the system will be completed by the end of 2025, but it is more likely to be completed by Spring 2026.

What Should We Do in the Meantime?

Unfortunately, we don't have the answer for you. The reality is that you have most likely been consuming PFAS your entire life, whether it is in water across the country, in food, by wearing certain types of clothing, using non-stick pans, in personal care products, in beauty products, or from any type of waterproof or stainproof products. That doesn't make it acceptable in any way. The unfortunate fact is that PFAS wasn't being tested for until recently. But now that we as consumers and suppliers are aware of PFAS and its dangers, we need to try to eliminate our exposure to it. Be cognizant of pre-packaged food, as packaging often has PFAS in it, as does the wax in the bottom of pizza boxes. Be cognizant of different products that contain PFAS. Do your research online.

In regard to our water system, the most potent well (Well # 2) has not been supplying water with PFAS for several years. However, Well # 1 is still on due to supply issues. That means that there are elevated levels of PFAS in the water system, albeit most likely diluted, as our wells are all designed to go to a large holding tank area on S. 5th Street. Nonetheless, the levels remain unacceptable. While PA DEP has stated repeatedly that you don't necessarily need to do anything at this point, if you have a history of medical issues or are at risk, we advise you to consult a physician. If you feel that you need to purchase some type of system to mitigate the risk of consuming PFAS, we recommend a filtration system that is carbon-based or has reverse osmosis. A simple Brita filter will not remove PFAS unless it has a carbon absorption system. Do not necessarily trust bottled water systems either, unless you do your research and are reassured that the plastic bottles are PFAS-free. Many bottled water systems sit in warehouses getting hot, thus activating the chemical release into the water.

We are working to mitigate this as quickly as possible. DEP regulations have been a heavy burden, and engineering the system to treat the system has been a very long process. We feel that we are in the home stretch, as we have applied for the permits and are working to get funding for construction.

What About the Lawsuits?

The Borough continues to be part of litigation with numerous firefighting foam manufacturers, who repeatedly sold foam, knowing that PFAS was harmful, yet they did not disclose this in their chemical sheets. We recently were very close to a settlement with one manufacturer; however, the litigation continues. If / when the Borough receives any type of settlement or judgment, the funds will be used for long-term maintenance costs on the PFAS mitigation system as well as for the construction of future PFAS mitigation systems.



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EARTH DAY CLEAN UP EVENT – 2024 RECAP

On April 20, 2024, the Joint Environmental Advisory Council of the Borough of Emmaus and Upper Milford hosted its annual Earth Day Cleanup. The weather was beautiful and there were an estimated 86 attendees who helped to pick up litter and trash in areas in Emmaus and Upper Milford Township. The areas cleaned were Emmaus Community Park, Furnace Dam Park, S. 10th and Broad Streets, the railroad area near Weis, CVS, and along the railroad tracks throughout the Borough, the walking trail along Cedar Crest Boulevard with the Fields at Indian Creek Jasper Park, Lenape Park, Fulmer Nature Preserve, German Road, and under the Turnpike bridge next to the House and Barn.

The Borough of Emmaus and Upper Milford Township both provided Public Works employees on the Friday proceeding the event and the Monday after the event. They helped set up the event, collect, and dispose of materials that were gathered. The total volume of debris and litter collected was:

- 89 (30 gallon) bags of trash
- 13 (30 gallon) bags of recyclables
- 9,777 lbs. of electronic waste
- 3,982 lbs. of paper
- 50 lbs. of household batteries
- Miscellaneous cars parts, traffic cones, and broken construction barricades

The following organizations provided donations, materials, and/or assistance for the event: The Borough of Emmaus, Upper Milford Township, The PA Department of Transportation, The East Penn Press, Dunkin Donuts, Emmaus Rotary, Emmaus High School, Scout Clubs, LMMS Builders Club, UMYA, Trip Tees Running Club, Grace Lutheran Church, Unity Church Emmaus, The Fields at Indian Creek HOA, Ai Orthodontics, Responsible Recycling Services, Lehigh County, New Tripoli Bank, Representative Milou Mackensie, and Senator Jarrett Coleman.

The Joint Environmental Advisory Council and everyone involved is very proud of this annual event. Once again, it was a huge success and continues to be a great tribute to community involvement and environmental awareness.



Over the Backyard Fence

The Emmaus Garden Club members recently hosted two grand events. The first event was a very successful Garden Tour with luncheon and plant sale and the second event was the District II/III yearly regional meeting in September.

The Garden's Club July program was all about the importance of pollinators. The presenter explained that pollinator actions are responsible for beautiful flowers and for the health of our fruits and vegetables. She explained that many pollinators, including butterflies, moths, insects, and fireflies live over winter in leaf litter. How many of us rake up every leaf and then send them off to the compost site? Doing this means far fewer of our friendly pollinators for the following year, which means fewer flowers, less produce, and fewer fireflies for NEXT YEAR! Help to keep the magic of summer! Her advice was to use the leaves as mulch around shrubs, border plantings, to help preserve those pollinators!!!

The members of the Emmaus Garden Club are now taking a quick breath as they plan their fall tasks, including their own garden clean up, but have wonderful programs planned for fall. Coming in October, Master Gardener Sue Drabic will entertain and inform in her presentation "Plants of Murder and Mayhem". Did you know some common plants can be toxic to pets and children? Join us and learn what Agatha Christie knew!

As we look ahead to November and the holidays, our talented Garden Club designers will share ideas for creating beautiful seasonal centerpieces. Easy is key!

You don't need to live in Emmaus to be a member of Emmaus Garden Club and guests are always welcome. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, March through November, at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, 418 Elm Street, Emmaus, 18049. Doors open at 11:30 am. There are light refreshments at noon followed by a meeting and program. You can find the Emmaus Garden Club at emmausgardeclub.com Be sure to follow the club on Facebook. If you have any questions or need information, please call Ellen at 610-928-3713.

Be Careful of Fraud

In almost every newsletter, our Police Department warns our citizens about different attempts at fraud. Yet, nearly every week, they receive calls about fraud that has occurred. Recently, people across Pennsylvania received texts regarding unpaid PA Turnpike bills. If you went to the website they suggested, it looked like it was the Turnpike website. It was fraud! We have seen that attempt with PPL bills, or even messages alleging that someone's grandson was in trouble, and they needed money. Some people are very creative and troll your social media pages or obtain personal information about you online. They can use that to defraud you.

Our advice is to be careful and do your research before you give anyone a bank account, click on a link, or send money to anyone or anything.

Fraud doesn't just come to you via electronic form though. We've seen people commit and try to commit insurance fraud on numerous occasions, whether it is repeatedly using the ambulance simply to get an insurance check, or whether it is a business or person claiming damage at their property in hopes of getting a check. Fraud in any form is illegal. We encourage you to be careful, especially as you get older. People who commit fraud often target older generations and those who they don't believe are crafty or smart enough to know better.

There are certain things that we, at the Borough, can help you with.

For example, while **MOST** contractors are honest, there are some that are not. There are some that want you to pay for work that is truly not needed, simply to line their pockets. If you receive a quote for certain work at your house, such as a water or sewer lateral replacement, or a quote for a new roof because someone just showed up and told you that you need one, don't be afraid to call us at the Borough. While we cannot tell you what contractor you should use, we can certainly put a camera in your sewer lateral to see if it would truly pass or fail a Borough inspection, or if there is truly a blockage. We are willing to take a look at different structural items at your house if a contractor tells you that your house has structural damage, and it will cost thousands of dollars. While we can't necessarily tell you what to do, we can tell you if your property meets current code requirements. This can help you in making those decisions that perhaps you just weren't sure of. So, before you pay \$25,000 for a new sewer lateral or some other type of repair, you are allowed to ask the Borough for a 2nd opinion. We won't charge you to simply look, based on applicable codes. Additionally, we ALWAYS recommend that you receive at least two quotes for any type of work that you are getting done at your house. This at least gives you something to compare against.

We would also warn you of folks who knock on your door. On many occasions, if a contractor tells you that they have extra pavement, and that they can quickly pave your driveway for a certain price, they may be committing fraud at some level. Often, they change their price when they are done, claiming that it took more than they expected. Don't be afraid to call the Borough or the Police Department. Furthermore, follow our Facebook Page for the most current businesses that have solicitation permits. We are required to allow businesses to obtain solicitation permits, as Pennsylvania law requires us to offer this outlet. We do, however, try to vet permit applicants through obtaining criminal background checks and through researching the Better Business Bureau. We have rejected numerous solicitation permit applications and have kicked several out of town, however, many are permitted. We have heard reports that some are ignoring the Do Not Knock List, or some just won't go away and are pushy. Again, don't be afraid to call the Police or the Borough. Make sure that you demand to see the permit from the person at the door, and we do not recommend that you allow them into your house unless you feel 100% comfortable with them. If you'd like to join the "Do Not Knock List", please contact Jessica at Borough Hall.



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Meet our New Assistant Borough Manager Cristen McTamney

We are extremely excited to announce that our new Assistant Borough Manager started with the Borough on June 1, 2024. Please join us in welcoming Cristen McTamney to our team.

Cristen joins the Borough with over 20 years of professional Human Resource Management experience as well as years of business management and business ownership experience. She has spent much of her career being an HR Manager and HR Director for various agencies and has been an independent HR Consultant and Business Owner for the past 3 years. She also worked as Operations Manager of Norristown State Hospital for over 3 years and served on the business side of her family construction business for many years. This is just some of her well-rounded management and business skillset.

Cristen has volunteered in her community for over 24 years, serving on the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance, Women in Manufacturing, the Board of Directors and Youth Swim Team Wrangler from 2012 – 2019, a youth Soccer Coach for 7 years, a youth Basketball Coach for 5 years, a Baseball Team Mom for 12 years, and as a PTO Member for 12 years. She is extremely proud to have two sons that are the absolute light of her life.

Cristen has Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Marketing and a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from Penn State University. She has many professional certifications, including but not limited to certifications in Healthcare HR Network Leadership, Kronos training, Senior Leadership Training, Safety in the Workplace, Substance Abuse, OSHA, Employment Law and others.

Cristen has already made an immediate impact on our operations with her human resources expertise, as she has begun to review our policies and procedures and has begun examining all training and development programs in the Borough's operations. She has been assisting departments with human resource questions and concerns and has added very valuable professionalism to our management team. She states that she is excited to learn this new facet in her career in the public sector, as there are many things to learn. We are extremely fortunate and excited to add Cristen to our team. Please join us in welcoming Cristen McTamney as our new Assistant Borough Manager.



Project Updates

It has been a very busy year in the Borough. The S. 2nd Street project was finally completed at the end of June. This multimodal project cost just under \$700,000. The Borough received \$575,000 in grant money to complete the project, as it included street reconstruction, sidewalks, and ADA curbing improvements from Main Street to the Borough line. Additionally, we recently completed a major sewer project on Franklin Street and have recently completed numerous ADA curb improvements in the downtown area, thanks to a \$157,550 CDBG grant. In 2025, we will be completing another \$100,000 of ADA curb improvements along Main and Chestnut Streets, thanks to a CDBG grant worth \$85,000. Our street infrastructure improvement initiative has continued throughout 2024. We were awarded work for a thin lift project on Broad Street from 5th through 10th Streets in the amount of \$140,565. We finished a chip and seal project in Country Heights earlier this spring. We also recently awarded a full-depth reclamation project in the amount of \$499,305 for work on Delong Avenue / Tilghman Street, Weiders Lane, and parts of East Main Street. Lastly, we were also awarded a bid of \$310,990 for milling and paving on S. 16th Street and 3 blocks of Elm Street. All this work is expected to be completed by November.

As you are also aware, UGI continues to do work throughout the community. They are required to ultimately pave the entire lane of street in which they conducted any trench work. While the street may not be completely repaved for several months, ultimately, the entire lane will be completed.

In addition to this, if any street improvements are conducted in your neighborhood, please note that unless it is emergency work, you, as a Borough resident, cannot have any work done at your home that would require a street excavation for a period of at least 5 years after the improvements are completed. For example, if you currently have oil heat, and you want to change it to gas heat, for the conversion to happen, UGI would be required to dig into the Borough's Street to connect to their gas main. If a street was treated with any of the methods listed above, the Borough will not allow the street work to occur for 5 years.



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Other Borough Updates

Over three years ago, the Borough ordered a new ambulance. In the past, it would have taken 6 months to deliver. It has been over three years since it was ordered. Unfortunately, this is the norm for ordering fire apparatus, ambulances, and even dump trucks now. We are happy to announce that we should expect to finally take delivery in August. We have recently approved the purchase of a new rescue truck to replace our truck that is approximately 20 years old. This truck has a pumper on it, therefore, we most likely will not need to replace our 1998 pumper truck, as we expect this apparatus to serve in a dual capacity. Obviously, we expect to receive the truck in, well, about 3 years.

It has been a hot Summer and attendance at the swimming pool has been very high. We continue to make improvements at the pool, as we recently replaced the roof at the pool house and concession stand, and the pool chemical and pump controllers. The pool is a bit warmer this year, as we have been able to locate and repair a few major cracks that caused significant leaks last year. Because of this, we have not had to constantly flow 60-degree fresh water in the pool as much this year.

Among the numerous grants the Borough received this year, there are two additional infrastructure improvement grants that will begin to take shape in the next several months. We received a \$425,000 grant to continue to help with removal of stormwater from our sewer system. That project is currently in the design phase. Additionally, we recently were awarded a \$1.4 million project to completely rehabilitate our current water well tanks, preserving the life of the tanks for up to an additional 50 years. A single tank replacement could cost as much as \$4 million. To pay for this project, the Borough received a \$1.2 million grant.

Park Improvements

This year, we have made significant improvements at three of our Borough parks. At Furnace Dam Park, we used the recreation fee funds from the recent construction at Phoebe to fund two new Pickleball courts in the Borough. These are the first Pickleball courts in the community, and they are already being heavily used.

In addition, we used a donation from Valley Builders and Billy Wall to reinstall a new playground on Arch Street. Moreover, we also needed to remove the playground at Laura Street. Our Public Works Department recently installed a new playground at the park.

Lastly, we received a DCNR grant in the amount of \$318,400 to assist with the reconstruction of Lions Playground. We are continuing to do the engineering work for the project, but we expect to have shovels in the ground early next year.



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The Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation Celebrating 20 Years of Honoring Our Memories, One Brick at a Time

By Teri Sorg-McManamon



In 2000, when the Emmaus Borough Council launched its visioning project, one of the areas of attention involved Borough grounds, streets, and trees. The Emmaus Garden Club, the Wildlands Conservancy, other “green” groups and many, many volunteers met as a task force to muse and discuss dozens of ideas and landed on planning a gathering place.

One of its team members saw a memorial garden while visiting Hawthorne, NV, that had over 900 rose bushes planted in remembrance of persons in their community who passed away. The concept was the inspiration, and the work began on a more inclusive space, one that not only included remembrances and celebrations of life, but to include births, weddings, milestones, civic and military service, anniversaries, businesses and so many more memories to highlight with engraved bricks, all surrounded by a beautiful garden.

After months of planning the Emmaus Commemorative Gardens Foundation (ECGF) was formed and the work began in creating a business plan, soliciting contributions, partnering with local businesses, working with Borough government, planning for site development, developing a website, sponsoring special events, and marketing the concept to the community.

The property, formerly part of the original Knauss Homestead parcel, was the choice of land. In 2004, Borough Council approved a 25-year lease, at a \$1 a year, with the ECGF to manage a community memorial garden. The seed money came from the Rodale family, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., and East Penn Bank. The ground-breaking ceremony for what we now know as the Emmaus Remembrance Garden was held in April of that year. An article from the time reads “Planned in phases over the next two years, the triangular garden will cover more than a half-acre. It ultimately will include a rose garden, dwarf tree orchard, perennial herbs, shade trees, benches and pathway bricks can be purchased in memory of loved ones.”

Presentations were made to a wide range of local organizations to educate the public about the project and encourage them to purchase commemorative opportunities, including bricks, roses, benches, trees and a pergola.

The Remembrance Garden at the Knauss Homestead was dedicated in July 2004 with a pergola at the center of the site and the first set of about 50 Red Knockout roses. The first walkway was in place as were the basic perimeter shrub plantings. Since then, entrance bridge, eight benches, two patios, additional walkways, dozens of flowers and plants, perennial garden, a flagpole and an informational sign have been added. The walkways have evolved into areas for bricks to recognize veterans, community heroes, service clubs, volunteers, Eagle Scouts, Emmaus High School students, businesses, and families.

And here we are in 2024, 20 years later and our beloved garden is indeed a gathering place, a sacred space for holding memories dear. We have even had weddings and vow renewals at the Remembrance Garden with our own Mayor Gilbert performing the ceremonies! The area has a life of its own and as you walk over the bridge and step onto the first brick you can almost feel the laughs and smiles, tears and sorrow, dedication, service, and commitment – the special thing about the garden is the ever-present feeling of hope and love surrounding every brick that honors a person, a time or a place.

Modest modifications have been made to the flora each season, expanded hardscape areas have been added for visitor enjoyment, the pergola has been updated and a light has been added to the flagpole – there are now almost 1000 bricks, each honoring the same number of families, organizations, veterans, celebrations, loved ones – the list goes on.

Dozens strong, our volunteer workforce and network at the Remembrance Garden is energetic, fun, and dedicated. There are many who help with seasonal clean-ups, planting and pruning. The Emmaus Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and Lioness Clubs each bring together service hours to help – and the Emmaus Veterans Committee, American Legion Post 191 assists with the annual Veterans Brick Installation Ceremony. The Emmaus Borough Public Works Department oversees grass mowing and any logistics around the property, and we very much appreciate our neighbor, the Knauss Homestead Preservation Society who adds to our events with Historic House Museum tours. Anyone wishing to become a part of the volunteer staff at the Garden is welcomed and encouraged to do so. (Previous horticulture experience of any sort is a bonus but is not a requirement.)

There have been dozens of leaders with us over 20+ years, our current board includes the founding task force and ECGF member and Executive Director, Dr. Mike Waddell. Our board of directors are Linda Boehmer, Linda Waddell, Connie Gioielli, Richard “Dick” Farmer, Doug Hall, Beth Sharpless, Teri Sorg-McManamon, Amy Munson, and another founding task force and ECGF member, Tom Gettings. Website designer and manager is Jack Thomas.

We are proud to sustain our beautiful Remembrance Garden with donations, contributions and brick and bench purchases that allow us to continue our efforts.

Happy 20th anniversary to all of us! Together we have created a space to remember the life and times of our Emmaus community, those who live here and those who still think of it as home..





Emmaus Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis is an international organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world – one child and one community at a time.

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club has been serving the East Penn community for over 70 years and continues to be actively involved. **We fundraise** – our annual Pancake Festival, Rose Sale, and sale of Wawa coupons enable the club to support our community endeavors. **We serve** – our year ending highlights of 2023 include assisting with the Lehigh Valley Down Syndrome Buddy Walk, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and participating in Miracle League Halloween along with Macungie's Turkey Trot to benefit local food banks, Emmaus Old-Fashioned Christmas, and sponsoring the Club's 57th annual Charles Rhoads Special Needs Holiday Party.



The Kiwanis Club continuously looks forward to welcoming those who believe in our mission. A business meeting is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month, a program meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, and service or social activities at other scheduled times during the month.

The Emmaus Kiwanis Club is proud to bring our mission to life in our community. **We ACT, We HELP, and We CONTRIBUTE**, participating in and sponsoring service projects that benefit children in our community and throughout the world.

Upcoming Events:

- Buckeye Road Clean-Up
- Emmaus Halloween Parade
- Emmaus Old Fashioned Christmas
- Annual Charles Rhoads Special Needs Holiday Party

Kiwanis contributes to the community and our children in the following ways:

- Key Clubs – Emmaus and Parkland High Schools
- Builder's Clubs – Lower Macungie and Orefield Middle Schools
- Scholarships (6) to Emmaus High Seniors
- Childhood Reading and Literacy Programs
- Little Free Library at Emaus Fire Co 1
- Emmaus Halloween Parade
- Participation in Miracle League Activities
- Participation in The Kindness Project Activities
- Participation in Emmaus Library Activities
- Emmaus National Night Out
- Emmaus Remembrance Garden Clean-Up
- Buckeye Road Clean-Up
- Little Lehigh Stream Clean-Up
- Emmaus Old Fashioned Christmas
- Our Club's Annual Charles Rhoads Special Needs Holiday Party
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Founding Member of East Penn Food Alliance
- Garden Clean-Up
- Little Lehigh Stream Clean-Up

We invite YOU to join the Emmaus Kiwanis Club! The rewards in fellowship, service, and personal satisfaction are great. We would love to have you join us in our dedication to serving children and our community.

Follow us on Facebook and visit our website at emmauskiwanis.org for contact information.



MOPAR Madness of the Lehigh Valley

Come and join MOPAR Madness of the Lehigh Valley on the second and last Saturdays of the month, April 13 through October 26, 2024 for cruise nights at the Emmaus Community Park. All makes and models are welcome. Mopar Madness of the Lehigh Valley, formed in 1989, is an automotive club that promotes interest in the preservation of antique, classic, and performance

Mopar (i.e. Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, Desoto, AMC) vehicles. The club is dedicated to conduct club functions and activities for the benefit of promoting Chrysler made products and to encourage a better understanding of the restoration of classic and performance cars as a hobby, to members of the public, press, and law enforcement. Home of the Mopar enthusiast and proud sponsor of Dream Come True since 1993. For questions or more information on joining the club, please email mmlvcruises@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook page.

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The EAC is excited about the recently completed hydrants that were given colorful and creative new looks this past summer! Thank you to all the artists who designed and painted hydrants in our most recent round. Local artists and community members applied and submitted designs to participate in the **EAC's Paint-A-Hydrant Program**! Of those applicants, 20 were selected this round to paint hydrants throughout the Borough. As a part of this program the EAC and the Emmaus Fire Department worked together to select the hydrants that need a little TLC. The hydrants are prepped and primed. Artists are provided with a specific approved paint by the EAC to use for the hydrants. The EAC is so excited to have so much interest in the **Paint-A-Hydrant** program, we have received many inquiries recently with people interested in participating! *All interested community members and artists must apply and submit a design at emmausarts.org if they would like to paint a hydrant.* (We kindly ask you to not paint any hydrants if you are not a selected and approved participant). Applications are accepted year round and selected artists will be notified in March 2025 of approval. Please check the website for up-to-date info.

The Emmaus Arts Commission

Sweatin' to the 80's Edition: Gnome Auction

This year we reintroduced our *Gnome Sweet Gnome* auction. Our theme was inspired by the 1980's. Thank you to all of the local artists who painted and designed garden gnomes inspired by their favorite characters or 80's themes. All the money raised from the sale of the 16 80's inspired garden gnomes will go directly back into the community. Our gnomes were on display at a few local shops throughout the auction season. They also visited the **Emmaus Farmers's Market** as part of the community table the First Sunday of the month from May-October. EAC hosted free art engagement including painting rocks, printing bags, and making wooden gnome bookmarks.



Student Film Fest Workshops



In preparation for our **20th Annual Student Film Festival** coming up in Fall 2024/Winter 2025 we would like to host a series of workshops through the fall which focus on lighting and sound, storyboard and screenwriting, editing, and production. We will be working with local professionals and educators to create additional resources for those interested in learning how to hone their filmmaking craft. If you are interested in assisting with a workshop, if you would like to join the Student Film Festival Committee, or would like to offer your time and talents in collaboration for the film fest please contact info.emmausarts@gmail.com

We are offering volunteer hours for many of our artistic initiatives in the community.

We have been partnering with many local groups including the *EPL, EFM, EHS, JuxtaHub, and the Knauss Homestead*. If you are looking to give some time and talent to the EAC, we are always looking for new friendly faces for our events. Venmo donations can be made @EmmausArts-commission. Check out Saturday workshops at *JuxtaHub* where some EAC members will offer artistic opportunities and engagement.



This gnome was inspired by Jareth from Labyrinth and created by Ryder Edelman.



The EAC, a group of appointed volunteers, was created by the Emmaus Borough Council to encourage civic participation in the arts through the promotion of the arts and culture within our community. Find out more information on upcoming events and what's happening with the EAC by liking us on Facebook or by visiting emmausarts.org If you are interested in supporting the EAC, make a donation or contact us about volunteering! We accept applicants of all ages and stages to assist with our events and initiatives, it is a great experience for students.

Share your creativity! We would love to see how you have been staying creative, use #emmausartseverywhere on your social media posts. Please like and share Emmaus Arts on Facebook or follow on Instagram @emmausarts

Summer 2024 Pool Season – A Huge Success

The Emmaus Borough would like to thank all of its 2024 Summer Pool Pass holders. Thank you for a great Summer Season! For the Emmaus crowd and surrounding communities, we truly enjoyed this summer and appreciate the time you spent at the pool. The temperatures were at an all-time high, and it was great for us to offer a place for you to cool off.

We enjoyed two successful Flick-n-Floats and can't wait to see what movies are selected for Summer 2025. The Borough Council members and Staff were a tremendous help organizing and helping to make sure the events went off smoothly.

A special shout out to all our Lifeguards, Concession Stand Employees, and Front Desk staff. Many of you worked very long, very hot and very busy days! Our Pool Manager, Tiff, is a rockstar! Thank you to Adriana, Amanda, Ashlyn, Brady, Catherine, Cori, Dante, Dawn, Emma, Emme, Enzo, Harper, Hunter, Izzy, James, Jonah, Kaitlyn, Keaton, Keira, Kya, Lindsay, Max, Megan, Miel, Molly, Nick, Nolin, Samantha, Sara, Sophia, and Will. The Management Staff could not have had such a successful summer without each one of you!

There were countless hours spent keeping the pool running smoothly and many projects completed by the Public Works Department. Thank you for keeping things working, running, and operational so that we could keep the public cool.

A special thank you to the Recreation and Entertainment Commission for organizing a Great Summer Concert Series and Tunes in the Triangle schedule. Thank you to Alan Sylvestre for the many long volunteer hours spent at the numerous concerts!

See everyone next Summer! We can't wait to see what 2025 brings at the Emmaus Community Pool!

Come One! Come All! You're cordially invited to join the Ridge Manor Adult Community Center!



The Community Room at Ridge Manor1(333 Ridge St.) serves hot and cold nutritious meals Monday through Friday at 11:30a.m. Please consider joining us to enjoy a delicious lunch and to socialize with other seniors. A variety of activities are offered, including: a craft and a movie once a month, entertainment by various musical artists, exercises, games, interesting & informative speakers, & lots of laughter and friendship! Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services encourages you to join the "Lunch Bunch". This program is available to all those who live in the community and are 60 and over. Feel free to contact center manager, Rachel Cubellis, at 610-965-2171 for questions or to make a reservation. We hope to see you soon!




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A Message from the Emmaus Board of Health

DON'T FALL LIKE THE LEAVES THIS FALL!

A simple accident like tripping on a rug or on a wet floor can change your life. You could break a bone, which many adults do each year. Most of the time falls and accidents don't just happen, there is a reason they happen. A broken bone can be the start of a more serious health problem and can lead to long-term disability.



Find a good balance and exercise program. Look to build balance, strength and flexibility.



Review your medications with your healthcare provider regularly. Make sure side effects are not increasing your risk of falls. Take medications only as directed.



Don't store things on stairs. Have handrails installed on all stairs inside and outside.



Get your vision and hearing checked.



Keep your home safe: remove throw rugs or put double back sticky tape on the back of the rugs, use non-slip mats in the bathtub and shower floors, install grab bars in showers and next to the toilet, place a lamp close to the bed where it is easy to reach, consider motion activated lighting, plug in a nightlight that goes on automatically when it is dark and coil or tape all cords and wires next to the wall.



Wear proper footwear with good support indoors and outdoors. Stay aware of the condition of outdoor surfaces due to weather.



Tell your healthcare provider if you have fallen even if you did not injure yourself. A fall can alert your provider to a new medical problem or issues with your medication. Your provider may suggest a walking aid, physical therapy to improve strength and balance, or other steps to prevent future falls.

Certain conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or problems with your thyroid, nerves, depression, low blood pressure, feet or blood vessel disease can affect your balance and lead to a fall.

Every 11 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency department for a fall. More than 1 in 4 older adults report falling each year; about 37 million falls. Over 1/2 of unintentional deaths from injury are due to falls in the 65+ population.

Check Your Risk For Falling			
Yes (2)	No (0)	I have fallen on the past year.	People who have fallen once are likely to fall again.
Yes (2)	No (0)	I use or have been advised to use a cane or walker to get around safely.	People who have been advised to use a cane or walker may already be more likely to fall.
Yes (1)	No (0)	Sometimes I feel unsteady when I am walking.	Unsteadiness or needing support while walking are signs of poor balance.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I steady myself by holding on to furniture when walking at home.	This is also a sign of poor balance.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I am worried about falling.	People who are worried about falling are more likely to fall.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I need to push with my hands to get up from a chair.	This is a sign of weak leg muscles.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I have some trouble stepping up onto a curb.	This is also a sign of weak leg muscles
Yes (1)	No (0)	I often have to rush to the toilet.	Rushing to the bathroom, especially at night, increases your chance of falling.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I have lost some feeling in my feet.	Numbness in your feet can cause stumbles and lead to falls.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I take medicine that sometimes makes me feel light-headed or more tired than usual.	Side effects from medicines can sometimes increase your chance of falling.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I take medicine to help me sleep or improve my mood.	These medicines can sometimes increase your chances of falling.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I often feel sad or depressed.	Symptoms of depression, such as not feeling well or feeling slowed down, are linked to falls.
Total your points.		Add up the number of points for each “yes” answer. If you scored 4 points or more, you may be at risk for falling. Discuss this with your doctor.	
This checklist was developed by the Greater Los Angeles VA Geriatric Research Education Clinical Center and affiliates and is a validated fall risk self-assessment tool. Provided by the CDC			

If you are concerned about falling, set up a system to ensure you can get help if you fall. This may include you wearing a necklace or a bracelet. When you fall, you push a button and 911 is alerted. Some smartwatches are able to detect a sudden fall- like movement and automatically call for help. *Resources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Council on Aging.*

Article submitted by Georgia Snyder, Board Health member.



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On the website home page, under the Residents drop down menu, click on “Forms/Applications” and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and return the completed application to Borough Hall at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus PA, 18049, so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call the Zoning Department at 610-967-1322 or email efuhrmann@emmauspa.gov or breed@emmauspa.gov.

Some examples of permits that the Borough of Emmaus require include roof repairs, building repairs or remodels (causing structural changes), footers, foundation, framing, plumbing, electrical, signs, fences, sheds, dumpsters, demolition, driveways, pools, and zoning.

Moving Permits

A moving permit is required for any individual or family moving in, out, or within the Borough. The permit application can be obtained by visiting the Borough website at: www.emmauspa.gov or in person at the Cashier's office, located at 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus. The permit and the \$1.00 fee are filed with the Cashier at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Yashira at 610-965-0702.

Curbside Leaf Collection

Barring any complications with weather, equipment or emergencies, the Borough of Emmaus will begin its 2024 Curbside Leaf Collection Program on Monday, October 21, 2024, continuing through Friday, December 6, 2024. **The Borough is unable to set specific pick-up dates for leaf pick-up for individual streets.** We recommend that you have them raked out at the beginning of each week. Once the Public Works Department has made a pass through your street, they will not return until the following week. Please be advised that if the Borough encounters winter weather and must plow, any leaves in the road will be plowed. Every attempt will be made to clean the roads prior to winter. For FINAL COLLECTION the week of December 2nd through December 6th, please have your leaves out on Monday morning (December 2nd) of the final week. Once we have made our final pass on your street, we will not return.

- If there are low hanging branches overhanging the roadway, the Borough's leaf truck may not be able to pick up the leaves. Please make sure that all overhanging branches are trimmed prior to winter.
- Please rake all leaves to the curb into long narrow rows not more than 18" into the road. Leaves placed on the sidewalk will not be collected. The Public Works Department will not empty bags or other containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, shrubbery, grass, garbage, dog waste, and other building materials will not be picked up.

- Leaves will not be collected on private property. If leaves are not in place when the crews go by, they will be picked up on the following round through the Borough. No “return trips” will be made to pick them up.
- Residents who have areas designated as “No Parking” (yellow painted curbs) are encouraged to pile leaves at these locations for easier pick up.
- Piles with anything other than leaves **will not** be picked up. These objects will cause damage to the leaf pickup units and put them out of service at a great expense of time and money to the Borough and its residents.
- Do not place tarps over your leaves. The Public Works Department will bypass them, and they will not be collected.
- To help facilitate the picking up of the leaves, please keep all vehicles away from the area where the leaves are piled. The Public Works Department will not rake piles of leaves out from between parked cars or from under them.
- Do not pile leaves on or around storm drains as this will cause flooding issues and create unsafe driving conditions.

Please do not place leaves out prior to the starting date! If you would like to remove your leaves prior to the start of leaf collection, you may drop your leaves off at the Emmaus Borough Compost Site located off of Klines Lane.

Compost Site Hours of Operation

Closed in observance of Holidays:

September 2nd, November 11th, November 27th, and November 29th

March 18th to November 30th

Monday and Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (No Loading)

Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to dusk (No Loading)

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Loading until 3:30 p.m.)

The Compost Site will close for the season on Saturday, November 30th but will reopen on Monday, December 9th through Friday, December 13th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for additional leaf and yard waste drop-off.

We only accept organic yard waste. No lumber, root balls with dirt, garbage, dirt, building materials, etc. is allowed.

Unscreened compost, wood chip mulch, and screened compost is available for hand loading or a loading fee of \$25.00 per scoop or partial scoop. Only pick-ups or small trailers will be loaded.

Go Paperless! with Express Bill Pay

Not sure if you received this quarter's water/sewer or refuse bill? Are you worried about mailing your bills and having them get to their destination by the due date? To offer you more choices in how you pay your bills, the Borough of Emmaus offers paperless billing, online bill payment, and credit card payments to pay your utility bills.

All you need is an Internet connection through a web browser and an email address. Once you sign up for your account and start using the service, you will wonder why you ever waited so long to sign up!

It's simple to use. Every quarter we will send you a reminder email to let you know when your bill is available online. Then, just log in to your account at XpressBillPay.com and view your bill. It's formatted like your paper statement so it will look familiar to you. When you are ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with a credit card, debit card, or electric funds transfer. Then enter the information and you're done. It's that easy, and it only takes a few minutes each quarter.

It's free to sign up, but there is a \$3.50 convenience fee to use the single payment, as we are charged transaction fees by the credit card companies, however, automatic reoccurring payments are FREE.

We offered this service at your request. You asked and we delivered! To sign up, just go to www.emmauspa.gov. On the home page, click Utility Bill Pay.

Q&A About Online Bill Payment

Q: Does it cost anything to sign up for online bill payment or paperless billing?

A: No. It's free to sign up for paperless billing and online bill payment and to use the service.

There is a \$3.50 convenience fee for one-time payments to help cover the costs from the credit card companies.

Xpress Bill Pay

Q: What is Xpress Bill Pay?

A: Xpress Bill Pay is the company that the Borough has partnered with to handle paperless and online bill payment.

Q: What payment choices do I have using Xpress Bill Pay?

A: You can pay your utility bills with a credit or debit card, or you can transfer funds directly from your checking account.

Q: What will my paperless bill look like online?

A: It is formatted like your paper statement, so it will look familiar to you.

Q: What other information is available?

A: You can view up to a year's history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a year ago.

Q: Do I need to pay my bills from my computer?

A: Not at all. You can continue to pay your bill via mail or in person.

Q: How do I know my payment went through?

A: Once the transaction is complete, you will receive an email or text receipt to confirm that your payment went through.

Q: Is my information safe?

A: All of the transactions are held on secure servers. If you don't give out your password, only you will be able to access your account. Plus, your personal information or email address will not be sold or rented to third parties for marketing purposes without your permission.

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

In January 2019, Emmaus Borough Council adopted an Ordinance to require building sewer and lateral inspections any time a house is transferred or sold within the Borough. This was because of the PA DEP and EPA mandates requiring the community to eliminate the stormwater that is hitting the Allentown sewer plant. The Borough continues to invest millions of dollars into improving and removing stormwater from the main system, however, this is a key component of the infiltration and inflow that is hitting the system. The Ordinance took effect April 2019.

Ordinance No. 1185 requires anyone that is selling or transferring their property to have their sewer lateral inspected via a camera. Any licensed plumber who has the capability to conduct camera inspections may be used, or the property owner can contract the Borough to conduct the inspection. An electronic copy of the camera inspection as well as a report with the findings must be submitted to the Zoning Officer at Town Hall. If the result of the inspection demonstrates that water is infiltrating the system through deficiencies such as cracks or breaks in the line, or via root intrusions or other systematic failures, the property owner must fix or replace the building sewer or lateral prior to the sale of the property. The Borough monitors property transfers through data submitted by Lehigh County each month. If an individual fails to have the inspection completed, and the Borough receives the property transfer information, penalties are applied including fines.

The average inspection costs approximately \$225 - \$300. If there are serious issues with the sewer lines, it could cost much more, however, it is important to note that if there are issues with your lines, it means that pollutants are seeping into the ground and leaching into our potable water systems and / or rain water is hitting the sewer system, helping to cause overflows during heavy rains into the Lehigh River, meaning raw sewage is hitting the river as well. For these reasons, as well as due to the state and federal mandates, we need to ensure that the entire sewer system is working as it is designed and we are doing our part to eliminate these issues.

To read more about the Sewer Lateral requirements, please visit Borough of Emmaus, PA TESTING, INSPECTION, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF BUILDING SEWERS AND SEWER LATERALS (ecode360.com)



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